

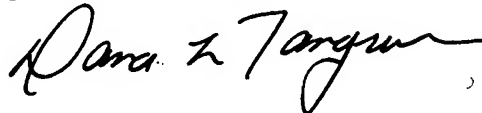
REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment applicant has amended the specification by adding an Abstract of the Disclosure. The added abstract is supported by the abstract of the International Application to which the present national application claims priority. A copy of the abstract is also attached hereto on a separate sheet of paper. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 21, 22, 25-31, 33, 34, 37, 39-42, 47, 48, 51, 52, 55, 57, 58, and 60 have also been amended to remove multiple dependencies and otherwise place the claims in a more conventional format for prosecution in the United States. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to the specification and the claims do not introduce new matter, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-61 as amended herein are presented for the Examiner's consideration on the merits.

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